

LYNWOOD - Congresswoman Linda Sánchez presented a check on Tuesday for \$2.56 million in federal funding to the city at Lynwood City Hall.

The funds secured by Congresswoman Sánchez will finance after-school programs at six sites in Lynwood, including Will Rogers, Washington, Wilson, and Lindbergh Elementary Schools; Resurrection of Life Church and Lynwood Youth Center. The after-school services include computer classes, supervised homework study sessions and recreation.

Sánchez also secured funding to expand a successful anti-gang youth program to more schools in Lynwood. The award-winning Gang Alternatives Program (GAP) educates youth at the 4th grade level on the dangers of gang involvement and steers them toward positive alternatives.

"I am very pleased to have been able to secure funding for these great after-school programs that will support local youth in the Lynwood area, especially considering how difficult it is to find funding for youth and anti-crime programs in the federal budget these days," said Congresswoman Sánchez.

Also included in the federal dollars are funds that will pay for major improvements to Long Beach Blvd. to help ease traffic congestion and reduce storm water runoff. Lynwood public works officials are currently working on a schedule for the improvements.

"After speaking with residents and city leaders from Lynwood, it was evident their priorities were youth programs, anti-gang programs, and transportation projects," continued Sánchez. "I listened to their requests, and the federal funding I secured for the city will hopefully address those priorities and improve the local quality of life."